

**MARIN COUNTY CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 14, 2003
Marin County Board of Supervisors Chambers, San Rafael, California

Representatives Present: Amy Belser, Sausalito City Council
Al Boro, San Rafael City Council
Hal Brown, Marin County Board of supervisors
Frank Egger, Fairfax Town Council
Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town Council
Steve Kinsey, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Joan Lundstrom, Larkspur City Council
Annette Rose, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Bruce Sams, Belvedere City Council

Representatives Absent: Susan Adams, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Peter Breen, San Anselmo Town Council
Tom Byrnes, Ross Town Council
Mike DiGiorgio, Novato City Council
Barbara Heller, Marin County Transit District
Michael Lappert, Corte Madera Town Council
Cynthia Murray, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Dick Swanson, Mill Valley City Council

Staff Members Present: Art Brook, CMA Deputy Executive Director
Craig Tackabery, Assistant Director, Marin County DPW
John Loll, Transit Manager, Marin County Transit District

Chairman Kinsey called the joint meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

1. BOARD/AGENCY MEMBER MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None
2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – None
3. PRESENTATION BY GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ON PROPOSED BUS TRANSIT SERVICE REDUCTION

Celia Kupersmith and Alan Zaradnick gave an overview of District operating and capital shortfall and solutions, and Phase II Transit Service Reductions. Ms. Kupersmith stated that all requested add backs totaled \$7 million.

Joint Committee comments included:

- Questions about revenue options
- A request for more revenue consideration

- A request for more late night service, particularly from Southern Marin to the Canal
- Concerns regarding late night service into Tiburon and Sausalito (particularly Geary Boulevard service) and within the towns of Tiburon and Ross Valley
- Midnight buses are necessary – Most restaurants close at 11:30
- Concern that the citizen group monitoring Route 24 had reported different ridership statistics than the District
- Cities and Counties could consider providing a portion of funding for critical add backs, in the context of the Bridge District providing additional revenue

District representatives responded to questions and concerns, which included these points:

- Additional tolls due to reduced transit ridership were not yet quantified, but would not offset the 3% loss of ridership expected.
- Elimination of FasTrak discounts would provide \$10 million annually, and new bus advertising promised to double revenue advertising revenue; SB916 Funding would be available for Route 40. None of these had been factored in their projections.
- Discussion and dialogue of revenue options were now being conducted with communities and businesses
- Revenue consideration included added parking meters at the Bridge and an increase in ferry rates
- The Club Bus subsidy is \$130,000
- Ferry ridership would not be examined until the Fall
- 48% of Bridge users use FasTrak.
- Citizen group statistics for Route 24 were similar to the Districts

Public comments included concerns with:

- Late night service in general
- Late night service and feeder ferry service
- Route 1 changes and their impact on seniors
- Environmental justice impacts – The District receives state and federal funds
- Higher subsidies for ferry passenger than transit passengers

Public comment suggestions included:

- Re late night service: Could taxis have a contract with the District? VTA uses Yellow Cab
- Re late night service: could be covered by 4 trips via Route 20 and 3 trips via Route 80, but Tiburon would still need to be addressed. District could combine Routes 9 and 11.
- Reduce Club Bus subsidy and charge for parking at Larkspur Ferry Terminal

4. OPEN TIME FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

Chairman Kinsey adjourned the CMA meeting at 10:00 PM.